IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

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LESIA REDMAN,	DEBRA). H.	ACKETT, CLK
Plaintiff,	U.S. DISTR	TRICT ALA
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KFC, INC., and fictitious Defendants	A)	
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Defendants.)	

DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

KFC U.S. Properties, Inc., individually and on behalf of improperly named defendant KFC, Inc., by its attorneys, hereby files its Notice of Removal. Defendant's Notice of Removal is as follows:

- 1. This action was commenced by the filing of a Complaint on December 26, 2007 in the Circuit Court of Pike County, Alabama.
 - 2. By the Complaint, plaintiff alleges that she is a resident of Pike County, Alabama.
- 3. The Complaint alleges that on August 9, 2006, plaintiff was injured at a KFC Restaurant in Montgomery, Alabama ("the KFC Restaurant") and seeks recovery from defendant on grounds of negligence. The Complaint names KFC, Inc. as the defendant.

- KFC, Inc. is not an existing legal entity capable of being sued. Rather, the proper 4. defendant in this action is KFC U.S. Properties Inc., which at all times relevant hereto, has operated the KFC Restaurant and was responsible for the maintenance of the premises thereof.
- KFC U.S. Properties, Inc. ("KFC") is a Delaware corporation, and it has its 5. principal place of business in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Since plaintiff is a citizen of Alabama and defendant is not a citizen of Alabama 6. within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1332, there is complete diversity between plaintiff and defendant.
- Plaintiff alleges severe injuries that exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars 7. (\$75,000.00) in damages. Plaintiff's attorney has informed KFC that plaintiff's alleged medical specials in connection with the incident at issue in this action total \$74,494.79. He has further informed KFC that the alleged incident necessitated fusion surgery on plaintiff's spine and that plaintiff is losing approximately \$36,500 in income per year on an ongoing basis as a result of the alleged incident.
- Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441, defendant removes the within action to this Court in 8. that it is a civil action between citizens of different states and the amount placed in controversy by plaintiff's Complaint exceeds the sum of \$75,000.
- Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(a), defendant is attaching copies of all process, 9. pleadings and Orders in the state court action.
- Concurrent with the filing of this Notice of Removal, defendant is giving written 10. notice of this Notice of Removal to the Circuit Court of Pike County, Alabama.
- KFC first received notice of this action on January 7, 2008 when plaintiff's 11. third claims Complaint KFC's party attorney forwarded a copy of the to

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administrator/investigator, Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. This Notice is therefore being timely filed within thirty (30) days of the KFC's receipt of a copy of the initial pleading.

WHEREFORE, notice is given that this action is removed from the Circuit Court of Pike County, Alabama to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama.

Allen Baker, Jr.

Bar Number: ASB-5990-E68S Attorneys for Defendant, KFC, INC.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

AFFIDAVIT

John G. Smith, Esq., being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that he is the attorney for defendants in the within action;

That he has authority to make this Affidavit on their behalf;

That he has read the foregoing Notice of Removal and knows the contents thereof; and,

That the same is true of his own knowledge, information and belief.

John G. Smith, Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of January, 2008.

Notary Public - Brenda S. Leveille Commission Expires: July 28, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Document 1

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system and service will be perfected upon any CM/ECF participants electronically and I have mailed by United States Postal Service a copy of the foregoing document to any non-CM/ECF participants this the 29th day of January, 2008:

Clifton F. Hastings Cervera, Ralph & Reeves, LLC Post Office Box 325 Troy, Alabama 36081

Respectfully submitted,

S. Allen Baker, Jr.

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ATTACHMENT



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BRENDA MEADOWS PEACOCK

CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT PIKE CO COURTHOUSE 120 W. CHURCH STREET TROY, AL 36081 (334) 566-5113

Re: CV 2007-900122 Lesia Redmon v Kentucky Fried Chicken

I, Brenda M. Peacock, Clerk/Register of the Pike County Circuit and District Court, do hereby certify that the documents annexed to this certificate are true and correct copies of the originals on file and of record of this office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said court this the 29th day of January, 2008.

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GENERAL INFORMATION					
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#### **COMPLAINT**

#### STATEMENT OF THE PARTIES

- Plaintiff Lesia Redman is over the age of nineteen (19) years and resides in Pike County, Alabama.
- 2. Defendant KFC, Inc. ("KFC") is, and all times herein mentioned was, a corporation organized doing business in the State of Alabama.
- 3. Fictitious Defendants A through F, being those persons or entities who may be legally responsible for the claims set forth herein and who may be added by amendment by Plaintiffs when their identities are ascertained by further discovery and who are parties described herein or are otherwise obligated to perform the duties and obligations described herein.

4. This action is based upon negligent conduct of KFC, Inc., in Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama on or about the 9th day of August, 2006.

#### **COUNT I- NEGLIGENCE**

- 5. Plaintiff adopts and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 4 above as if fully set forth herein.
- On or about the 9th day of August, 2006, Plaintiff was injured at KFC in Montgomery, Alabama, Plaintiff Lesia Redman attempted to utilize the bathroom facilities at KFC and immediately upon contact with the commode Plaintiff Redman fell to the floor suffering injury. After the injury, witnesses observed the commode to be unattached. The manager was summoned to the restroom and also witnessed the unattached commode.
- 7. As a proximate cause of the Defendant's said negligence, the Plaintiff was caused to suffer bodily injury which caused the Plaintiff to undergo medical treatment. The Plaintiff has incurred expenses for medical attention that she received. The Plaintiff continues to suffer bodily injuries and medical expenses for her injuries and will be caused to suffer bodily injury and medical expenses in the future as the result of the Defendant's negligence.
- 8. The Plaintiff was caused to suffer emotional distress and mental anguish as the result of the Defendant's negligence.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant, in an amount to be determined by this Honorable Court, to compensate the Plaintiff for her personal injuries and costs.

#### **COUNT II- GROSS NEGLIGENCE/ WANTONESS**

- 9. Plaintiff adopts and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 8 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 10. On or about the 9th day of August, 2006, Plaintiff was injured at KFC in Montgomery, Alabama, Plaintiff Lesia Redman attempted to utilize the bathroom facilities at KFC and immediately upon contact with the commode Plaintiff Redman fell to the floor suffering injury. After the injury, witnesses observed the commode to be unattached. The manager was summoned to

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- the restroom and also witnessed the unattached commode.
- 11. As a proximate cause of the Defendant's said gross negligence, the Plaintiff was caused to suffer bodily injury which caused the Plaintiff to undergo medical treatment. The Plaintiff has incurred expenses for medical attention that she received. The Plaintiff continues to suffer bodily injuries and medical expenses for her injuries and will be caused to suffer bodily injury and medical expenses in the future as the result of the Defendant's gross negligence.
- 12. The Plaintiff was caused to suffer emotional distress and mental anguish as the result of the Defendant's gross negligence.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant, in an amount to be determined by this Honorable Court, to compensate the Plaintiff for her personal injuries and costs.

Respectfully submitted this the 26th day of December, 2007.

s/ Clifton F. Hastings CLIFTON F. HASTINGS (HAS014) CERVERA, RALPH & REEVES, LLC Post Office Box 325 Troy, Alabama 36081 (334) 566-0116

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SUMMONS - CIVIL -

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# IN THE CIVIL COURT OF PIKE, ALABAMA LESIA REDMAN V. KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN

## LESIA REDMAN v. KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, 2000 INTERSTATE PARK DR. SUITE 204, MONTGOMERY AL., 36109 **NOTICE TO** THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY ARE REQUIRED TO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR WRITTEN ANSWER, EITHER ADMITTING OR DENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT. A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY TO THE OPPOSING PARTY'S ATTORNEY CLIFTON HASTINGS WHOSE ADDRESS IS POST OFFICE BOX 325, TROY AL, 36081 THE ANSWER MUST BE MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT WERE DELIVERED TO YOU OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED by the Alabama Rules of the Civil Procedure: You are hereby commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this action upon the defendant Service by certified mail of this summons is initiated upon the written request of LESIA REDMAN pursuant to the Alabama Rules of the Civil Procedure 12/26/2007 10:38:57 AM /s BRENDA PEACOCK Date Clerk/Register Вγ /s CLIFTON HASTINGS Certified mail is hereby requested Plaintiff's/Attorney's Signature RETURN ON SERVICE: Return receipt of certified mail received in this office on I certify that I personally delivered a copy of the Summons and Complaint to ____ in _____ County, Alabama on ___

Server's Signature

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA

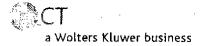
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January 04, 2007

Clifton F. Hastings Cervera, Ralph & Reeves, LLC Post Office Box 325, Troy. AL 36081

Re: Lesia Redman, Pltf. vs. KFC. Inc., et al., Dfts. # To: Kentucky Fried Chicken

Case No. CV 2007 900122

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are herewith returning the Summons. Cover Sheet, Complaint which we received regarding the above captioned matter.

Our records indicate that we represent more than one entity beginning with the name: Kentucky Fried Chicken. In order that we may properly process the enclosed documents(s), we must be provided with the full name of the entity for which it is intended.

Should you make this determination, please note the full name of the entity on the envelope, return the document(s) to us and we will be glad to forward it on.

Very truly yours,

Laura Payne

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